

Mr. Speaker: Certain persons have come here to this side. They have settled down permanently and acquired citizenship right also; but they are unnecessarily being harassed by our Government.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: That is not so. Those who have come with valid permits are allowed to stay on till the period mentioned in the permit expires. But, if they exceed the limit, naturally, action will have to be taken. We do not want those people to stay on and exceed the period for which they have been allowed to come and stay here.

Coal From Pakistan

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*202. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for importing low-grade coal from West Pakistan to meet the fuel needs of brick kiln industries in Punjab and Rajasthan is under consideration;

(b) whether there is a shortage of this type of coal in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). There is no shortage of low-grade coal for brick-burning purposes in as much as there is adequate production of this quality of coal. Shortages in consuming centres in Punjab and Rajasthan, etc., however, arise from difficulties of rail movement, particularly because brick-burning coal is practically the lowest in priority for the purpose of wagon allotment.

At the last Indo-Pakistan Trade Review held in December, 1961, the Government of Pakistan made an offer to export 10,000 tons of brick-burning coal per month to northern parts of India. The offer, however, could not be accepted because of the

comparative high cost of Pakistan coal.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any kind of coal, low, medium or high grade, is being exported from Pakistan to our country for the purpose of meeting the coal shortage?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far we have not imported any coal from Pakistan.

Shri Oza: Is the Government of India negotiating with the Polish Government to import some coal?

Mr. Speaker: This question relates to Pakistan.

Shri Morarka: What steps are the Government taking to meet the requirements of low grade coal in the northern India, particularly the Punjab and Rajasthan?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Government are having a fresh look at the question of bringing coal from mining areas to distant areas. We hope that soon the position will very much improve. Just now all that I can say is that emphasis is laid on the rail movement with a view to see how much we improve the transport of coal by rail.

Shri K. R. Gupta: May I know that the main difficulty in coal movement for Rajasthan is due to the transshipment from broadgauge to metre gauge?

Mr. Speaker: That is quite a different thing altogether.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know if any detailed scheme is being chalked out to see that coal situation in the country and the scarcity conditions in places beyond Mogalsarai is mitigated?

Mr. Speaker: This is not a general question; this relates to imports from Pakistan. Next question.

Shri Shyam Lal Saraf: I wanted to ask some supplementary questions

but I have not been able to catch your eye, because a seat has been allotted to me here.

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry; I have passed on to the next question. I have laid down the rule that when I have called the next question, no attempt should be made to go back to the last question.

Shri Shyam Lal Saraf: I rose to put a supplementary on some of the important questions earlier also.

Mr. Speaker: There must be many more very important questions.

Manufacture of Tractors in Defence Factories

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*203. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture hand and garden tractors used in ploughing in Defence production factories;

(b) if so, in which factories these will be manufactured;

(c) when the tractors will be first available in the market; and

(d) what will be the price of such tractors?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah): (a) A proposal to manufacture Farmers tractors in Ordnance factories is now under consideration. A small tractor, currently being manufactured by our collaborators in Japan, is now undergoing performance trials to assess its suitability in Indian conditions. Manufacture of this tractor in Ordnance factories will be considered provided the trials prove satisfactory and sufficient demands for such a tractor are forthcoming.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Shri Subodh Hansda: Sometime back, the prototype of a tractor was manufactured at Gazipur Ordnance

factory. May I know whether this tractor was tested and whether Government propose to manufacture that type of tractor?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): That was not a tractor; that was a power plough which is used for different purpose.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Food and Agriculture Ministry made any request to manufacture such tractors? If not, what tempted the Ministry to take to manufacture of such tractors?

Shri Krishna Menon: The reasons are: this vehicle easily comes under manufactures of our licensors. Secondly, after due assessment and evaluations are made they may meet certain requirements and have defence uses and thirdly, from the State of Punjab there have been considerable demand for this type of tractor because of its low cost. We are assessing it and have not entered into any commitments. We are making our evaluations and assessments at present.

Shri Priya Gupta: Sir, we could not follow.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister may give the answer more distinctly.

Shri Krishna Menon: I said that we had no definite enquiry from the Food Ministry but we have a number of enquiries from State Governments, for instance, from the Punjab, for large quantities of them. If we go into manufacture, it will be after requisite assessment is made of its use for certain purposes and certain defence needs will also be met.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know what would be the total number of tractors that are likely to be manufactured and whether it will meet part of the civilian requirements?

Shri Krishna Menon: If we make them, it will be a large-scale production.